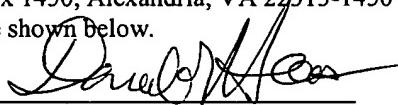


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RESPONSE TO REJECTION

The following remarks and enclosed Terminal Disclaimer are submitted in response to the office action of January 3, 2007. Claim 1 has been rejected under the judicially created statutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. 6,747,165. Claims 107-131 are objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim.

As suggested by the Examiner in the office action, the Applicants have enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the term of any patent which issues on this application which would extend beyond the term of the referenced patent. The Applicants assert that this Terminal Disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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